

With grateful thanks to all who took part in
this special celebration

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to you all*

There will be a retiring collection for
The Maternity Unit

Christmas Carol Service



HSSD Chaplaincy Department

Welcome & opening prayer

*The Reverend Maureen Turner,
Chaplaincy Team Leader*

Carol **Once in royal David's city** **Verse 1 Choir**

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby,
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Reading 1 **Isaiah 9: 2, 6—7**

Read by Roy Fauvel, Volunteer Visitor

Carol **O Come, all ye faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest.
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Christmas Blessing

God our Father,
Whose Word has come among us
In the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
May the light of faith illumine our hearts
And shine in our words and deeds;
And the Blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
dwell within you this Christmastide
and for evermore. **Amen.**

Christmas Cheer

*Jane Wakeham,
Ward Clerk—Old Age Psychiatry Services*

Carol Hark! The herald angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Prayers

*Lead by Revd Tracy Bromley
Assistant Chaplain*

Carol O Little town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

Reading 2 Luke 1:26-38

Read by Deputy Anne Pryke, Health Minister

Choir **Star of Bethlehem**
Bob Chilcott - Words by Tony Vincent Isaacs

What child is this
Words by William C. Dix - Tune: Greensleaves

Reading 3 **Luke 2:1-7**
*Read by Sr. Wendy Baugh,
Lead Nurse for In-patient Services*

Carol: Silent Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Reading 4 **Luke 2: 8-20**
Read by Nigel Egge, Foreman Technician

Carol **While shepherds watched their flocks**

ALL While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

LADIES "Fear not," he said, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."

MEN "To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign."

LADIES "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid."

MEN Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

ALL "All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth From heaven to men
Begin and never cease!"